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TAGS: ENRG, ORECD

SUBJECT: OECD OIL COMMITTEE HLG MEETING, NOV. 19

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1. WE PRESENTED PROPOSAL CONTAINED REFTEL TO WANSINK, CHAIRMAN
OF OECD OIL COMMITTEE, THIS MORNING ON RECEIPT OF CABLE. HIS
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REACTION WAS THAT HE HAD ALSO DOUBTED USEFULNESS OF HIGH LEVEL

GROUP (HLG) MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19 BUT HAD REFRAINED FROM INITIATING POSTPONEMENT IN BELIEF THAT PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BEFIT HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN.

2. WANSINK'S REASONS FOR DOUBTING USEFULNESS OF MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) OIL SHARING WORKING GROUP REPORT RESULTING FROM WG MEETING THIS WEEK WILL CONTAIN VARIETY OF OPTIONS FROM WHICH ONE SHOULD BE SELECTED BY HLG. CIRCULATION OF REPORT WILL GIVE INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR STUDY BY PARTICIPANTS LEADING TO DECISION NEXT MONDAY. FURTHERMORE, POLITICAL WILL IS UNFORTUNATELY LACKING AMONG PARTICIPANTS TO REACH SUCH DECISION NOW. (HE OBSERVED RUEFULLY THAT THIS ENABLES OPEC TO PICK OFF OECD COUNTRIES SEPARATELY -- LATTER HAVE NOT YET LEARNED LESSON).
B) ONLY REAL POSSIBILITY FOR HLG ACTION WOULD BE EITHER TO FORMALLY ACTIVATE IIAB OR TO ADOPT EUROPEAN OIL SHARING PLAN DATING FROM 1967. WANSINK SAYS POLITICAL WILL IS ALSO LACKING TO TAKE EITHER OF THESE STEPS.

3. IN SUMMARY, WANSINK AGREES WITH PROPOSAL NOT TO HOLD HLG MEETING AT THIS TIME. PROVIDED SOME OTHER PARTICIPANTS AGREE WITH POSTPONEMENT, HE WILL CIRCULATE ANNOUNCEMENT, HOPEFULLY BY END OF DAY TODAY, CANCELING HLG MEETING. (PRESUMABLY HE WILL ALSO INDICATE WHETHER OIL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD NOV 19 OR 20). IN INDICATING AGREEMENT WITH THIS STEP, HE POINTS OUT THAT JAPANESE HAVE SPECIAL INCONVENIENCE IN SHORT NOTICE CHANGES OF PLANS OWING TO DISTANCE AND TIME DIFFERENCE. HE ASKED THAT IN FUTURE CASES JAPAN'S SITUATION BE CONSIDERED IN PROVIDING ADEQUATE TIME FOR CHANGE OF PLANS. WE POINTED OUT THAT TIMING OF REFTEL MAY HAVE ENABLED JAPANESE TO BE FIRST TO HEAR OF OUR PROPOSAL.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COPY OF RESPONSES TO REFTEL FROM OTHER POSTS, CONTENTS OF WHICH WE PLAN TO COMMUNICATE TO WANSINK.
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